

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1009 - SB 1145

February 26, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to engage in an activity, including fishing, that inhibits the use of a public access area or launching area for a period of time beyond that associated with the customary launching and retrieval of recreational boats or to swim, fish, or engage in any other activity that interferes with the intended use of a dock or which causes damage to a dock, boat, or marina.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), TWRA officers currently enforce regulations associated with activities at access areas, ramps, docks, and marinas.
- It is estimated that this legislation will result in no significant increase in Class C misdemeanor convictions regarding obstruction of a public access area, including ramps, docks, or marinas.
- It is assumed that any significant damage to a public or private dock would remain punishable as vandalism under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-408 which is, at minimum, a Class A misdemeanor offense.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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